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EXPANSION OF INTERNET SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government propose to encourage internet services for promoting information Technology in the country;

(b) if so, the names of places which are proposed to be linked by an International Gat-way Hub, State-wise;

(c) by when approval is likely to be accorded in this regard; and

(d) the number of Computer Information Centres set up tilldate by Government in Maharashtra, location-wise, alongwith the funds allocated to each centre?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Internet Service Providers (ISPs) who request forpermission to set up International Gateways for Internet using satellite medium are given In Principle Clearance by Department ofTelecom. After getting this clearance ISPsare required to approach different Government agencies (Wireless Planning & Coordination (WPC), Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) &NOCC) to complete formalities. After receipt of clearance from these agencies, ISPs aregiven clearance for commissioning of International Gateways for Internet. The list of ISPs state-wise who have been proposed for commissioning clearance are given in the Annexure.

Further National Informatics Centre Network (NICNET) being a starnetwork, the entire VSAT network traffic is routed through its Hub located at Delhi. The International gateways are located only at Delhi.

Software Technology Parks of India(STPI) has already set up 37 Centers all over the country.

(d): National Informatics Centre has set-up District Information Centres in all 35 districts of Maharashtra. The estimated asset value of computer and network infrastructure given to each district in the beginning and upgraded later is of the order of Rs.15.00 lakhs per district.